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1. ISTIQLAL'S AL ALAM PUBLISHED EXTRACTS MARCH 31 OF FONMIN
BOUCETTA'S RECENT INTERVIEW WITH CAIRO DAILY AL GOUHOURIA.
BOUCETTA SAID:
-- SADAT INITIATIVE. ARAB COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED, LIKE
MOROCCO. (BOUCETTA ADMITTED MOROCCAN SUPPORT HAD CREATED SOME
DIFFICULTIES.)
-- SOMALIA. UNLIKE IN ZAIRE, MOROCCO WAS NOT ASKED TO INTERVENE
MILITARILY IN SOMALIA. MOROCCO'S POSITION REMAINED OPPOSED TO
ANY COMMUNIST ATTACKS IN AFRICA AND TO THE IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN
THEORIES AND IDEOLOGIES.
-- U.S. ARMS. MOROCCO'S MILITARY STRENGTH UNAFFECTED BY RECENT
U.S. DECISION ON MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST. IN ANY CASE, U.S. HAD
NOT REFUSED BUT "POSTPONED THIS SUBJECT FOR A WHILE." POST-
PONEMENT DUE TO PENDING ARMS PACKAGE FOR MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING
EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. MOROCCO DID NOT REGRET ITS OWN SUPPORT
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FOR THOSE ARAB COUNTRIES.
-- RELATIONS WITH USSR. MOROCCO DID NOT SIGN RECENT PHOSPHATE
ACCORD WITH USSR OUT OF "ANGER" WITH U.S. ACCORD WAS MOTIVATED
BY COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, AND DID NOT GIVE THE SOVIETS ANY
POLITICAL RIGHTS.

2. GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY MAP'S ACCOUNT OF INTERVIEW OMITTED

BOUCETTA'S REMARKS ON U.S. ARMS.ANDERSON

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